

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

September 6, 2006

9:00 A.M.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman O'Melia at 9:01 a.m. in Committee Room #2, at the Oneida County Courthouse.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman David O'Melia, Vice Chairman Ted Cushing, Member Paul Dean, Member Peter Wolk, and Member Jack Young.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jill Butzlaff, (secretary), Sheriff Jeff Hoffman, Chief Deputy John Sweeney, Lieutenant Phil Schmidt, Lieutenant Dan Hess, Assistant Corp Counsel Brian Desmond, Employee Services Manager Lisa Charbarneau, Minocqua Town Chairman Joe Handrick, Emergency Management Director Ken Korten Hof, Woodruff Town Chairman Larry Greschner, Woodruff Chief of Police Lenny Drewsen, Minocqua Chief of Police Norbert McMahon.

Motion by Cushing to approve the Agenda as posted; second was offered by Wolk; all aye on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0. Dean then made motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2006 and August 23, 2006 meeting as presented, with second offered by Cushing. All aye on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

Vacancy Assistant Corporation Counsel

Assistant Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond and Employee Services Manager Lisa Charbarneau were present. Charbarneau noted that currently there are five applications of record and some of these individuals have already been interviewed.

Motion by O'Melia to have Desmond review the applications of record and bring his recommendations to the Committee, second by Wolk. All ayes on voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

Street Survival Training availability for committee members

Lieutenant Phil Schmidt was present. He noted this two-day law enforcement training is available for Committee members. He stated he wanted to make Committee members aware of the training if they were interested in participating this year or in the future. Schmidt will provide the committee members with a website so they may research the training and determine their interest.

2007 Budget Review/Approve Sheriff's Department

Minocqua and Woodruff dispatching for third shift by the Oneida County Sheriff

Due to an increase in a budget item that relates to dispatching for third shift, these items were discussed simultaneously.

Sheriff Hoffman and Chief Deputy Sweeney were present and presented an overview of the divisions of the Department along with cost comparisons of Revenues, Operating Expenses, Non-Personnel and Personnel Items and Overtime for 2006 and 2007. The overview included an explanation of increases in the budget. General discussion regarding the budget followed.

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Hoffman stated that the overall budget has decreased by 2.1 percent due to revenues that will be generated by the housing of state inmates in 2007. He acknowledged these numbers were realistic and consistent with the planning for the department.

O'Melia questioned the \$30,000 increase in E911 for back up services for Oneida County. The Sheriff noted that paying this amount of money to enhance public safety and insure sufficient back up for our dispatching service is best for the citizens of Oneida County. At this time, paying the additional \$30,000 to the Town of Woodruff will allow Woodruff to continue to operate third shift and supply a sufficient back up system for the Sheriff's Department. Town Chairman Joe Handrick noted that paying \$30,000 for the back up service is probably saving the county \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Emergency Management Director Ken Korten Hof stated that at this time if the Sheriff's Department takes over all the dispatching, we do not have a backup in place. He noted that it is important to have redundancy in this type of a system. Chief Deputy Sweeney stated ultimately the cost is \$100 a day to have an adequate back up in place. Sheriff Hoffman reiterated that if the dispatch center were closed it likely would cost the Department more than \$30,000. Larry Greshner, Town Chairman of Woodruff, stated the cost is approximately \$210,000 to run the Woodruff dispatch center and if it is closed that cost will fall to Oneida County. Chief Deputy Sweeney informed the committee Lieutenant Hess is working with Vilas County to develop a long-range plan. Sweeney stated the back up unit must have compatible equipment. Chief of Woodruff Police Lenny Drewsen stated he would prefer that the Minocqua/Woodruff center remain open. Town of Woodruff Chairman Greshner stated \$100 a day is beneficial risk management. Chief Deputy Sweeney noted that if he felt this cost was unreasonable he would not support the increase. Minocqua Chief of Police Norbert McMahon stated that the population in Minocqua is 50,000 in the summer and the loss of the dispatch center would create additional stress on the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Cushing to approve the 2007 budget as presented and forward to the Finance Committee for approval, second by Wolk, 4 ayes 1 nay on roll call vote as follows: Cushing aye, Young aye, Wolk aye, Dean nay, O'Melia, aye. The motion carried 4-1.

AUDIT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS:

Following examination and discussion of all vouchers, BPO Reports, line item transfers, and all other financial information submitted by law enforcement departments, Cushing made motion to approve all documents as presented, O'Melia seconded the motion; all aye on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no other comments or discussions.

DISCUSS TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA/SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting was scheduled for September 20, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for October 4, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for October 18, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

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*Agenda Item of a closed session by O'Melia.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before this Committee, Cushing moved to adjourn, with second by Wolk; all aye on voice vote, the motion carried 4-0, and meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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